

Lomita Court Of Amaranths Has Anniversary

Lomita Court No. 61, Order of the Amaranth, celebrated its 19th birthday Monday evening in an unusual manner when Ada Andersen, royal matron, and William H. Sykes, royal patron, invited past grand royal matrons and patrons of California as special guests and invited them to fill stations.

Past Grand and Supreme Royal Patrons John Pettis acted as royal patron and presided during the initiation of a candidate, Laura Alyse Buckholz.

Junior Past Grand Royal Matron Grace Mabel Brooks acted as royal matron and assisted Mrs. Andersen in conferring the degrees.

Other past grand royal matrons taking part were Lulu Belle Taylor, Blanche Richter and Sarah Pettis, now supreme associate conductress. Other grand officers filling stations were Anna H. De Mott, grand secretary; Charles Walton, grand commissioner of appeals, Emily Hickman and Alice Mort, assistant grand lecturers. A special guest was David Livingston, past grand royal patron, who had presided at the institution of Lomita Court.

Mrs. Alwine Ulman, mother matron of Lomita Court and past grand musician, gave a talk and in response to requests from the grand officers a humorous recitation.

Following the meeting adjournment was made to the dining room where the tables were decorated with greenery and cotoneaster berries and lighted by red candles in glass holders which were given the guests as favors. A huge decorated birthday cake was served with coffee, tea and salad.

Mrs. Edna Clark, chairman of the evening, was assisted by Mesdames Jewell Frederick, Halie Parbois, Anna Long, Ada Turknett and Mr. Perry Lingren.

Members volunteered to aid Mrs. Frances Hathaway, Red Cross chairman, at the Blood Bank Monday, and Mrs. Myrtle Beebe, War Bond chairman, at the bond booth next week when the Amaranth will take charge of the booth from Monday through Friday.

The court will hold a Christmas party at its meeting on



INVADER HOME . . . Coast Guardsman Charles H. Johnson, motor machinist's mate, third class, of route one, Torrance, has returned to a United States port from a tour of invasions in the Southwest Pacific. Johnson served aboard a Coast Guard manned LST (landing ship, tanks), and his service record contains a commendation from General MacArthur for his unit's operations at Cape Sansapor. Initial landings in which Johnson participated include Lae, Finshafen, Saidor, Cape Gloucester, the Admiralty Islands, Hollandia, Wake, Biak, Noemfoor, and Cape Sansapor. Johnson will report to the 12th Naval District following a granted leave of 30 days.

Bud Howe Is Safe After His Ship Is Sunk

Word that W. H. (Bud) Howe, son of Mrs. Irene Howe, of the Torrance Herald staff, is safe after the sinking of his ship, the U.S.S. Gambier Bay, in the second Battle of the Philippines, was received this week by his family residing in Lomita.

Howe was wounded or burned on his hands in the action, but is now able to write, he told his mother. He is expected home soon, as some 500 survivors of sunken ships already have landed on the coast from the Pacific battle area. Dec. 11 and every member was asked to bring an inexpensive present.

Appeal Made For Nurses for Army Service

The Army Nurse Corps' recent appeal for 10,000 additional enlistments prior to the first of the year has virtually gone unheeded by qualified women in the Ninth Service Command.

Maj. Gen. William E. Sheed, commanding general, at his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters, today declared that of the 500 registered nurses throughout the nation answering the call during September only 59 came from the eight Western states.

The Army's medical department had expected to recruit during that period 4,000 graduate, registered nurses toward the 10,000 goal.

General Sheed, in emphasizing the dire need for Army nurses, stated that fulfillment of the Ninth Service Command's quota toward the national goal definitely would not seriously cripple nursing service for the civilian population.

There are thousands of graduate civilian nurses, exclusive of student and cadet nurses, in the eight Western states, he stated.

"Surely there are sufficient graduate, registered nurses in the west who are willing to join the Army to help out in this emergency," said the general.

Total enlistment in the Army Nurse Corps is approximately 40,000 at present, but because of the ever-growing demands for them to care for casualties overseas the number on duty in continental United States has been reduced to only about 13,000.

General Sheed declared that the medical department does not feel it can safely order any more nurses from hospitals in this country without sufficient replacements, although overseas needs must be met even "if it takes all 40,000 nurses."

WALTER BUNJE . . . a lieutenant, A.A.F., was recently detached from his post at Wendover Field, Utah, and transferred to Chanute Field, Ill., for additional training. Mrs. Bunje, a former member of National Supply office staff, is now employed as a dental assistant at the clinic at Wendover Field.

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